

Patent

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Serial No.: 10/650,338

Group Art Unit: 2164

For: DATA REPLICATION AMONG STORAGE SYSTEMS  
(As Amended)

Examiner: S.R. Pannala

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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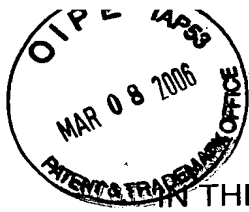
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on March 1, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 24 of this paper and include nine replacement drawing sheets; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 25 of this paper.

**Attachments:** A Substitute Specification including a clean copy and a marked-up copy is attached to this paper; Nine replacement drawing sheets are attached to this paper.